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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HWS*

RE: Site Inspection, Saguario Mine/Mill, M/037/080, San Juan
County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 16, 1993
Time of Inspection: 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Conditions: Hot, sunny
Participants: Sal Venticinque, BLM; Beth Hill, wife of operator; and Holland Shepherd, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To follow-up on the status of the site regarding permit and site disturbance.

I had visited this particular site back in May, 1993 at the time the operator was already set up and apparently doing some process experimentation. The site had not been permitted at that time and apparently is still not permitted at this time.

The operator has dismantled the original experimental process equipment and has constructed a large process building and warehouse, which is still in the process of construction and has not been completed. Mrs. Hill indicated to me that all the process tanks and solutions will be contained within the building. The only pond will be a fresh water pond that would be situated outside.

I later received a phone call (July 20, 1993), from Mr. Alan Levin, co-owner of the operation. He confirmed what Mrs. Hill had indicated to me, concerning the mill plant. All solutions will be contained within the structure. No discharges will be made, except in the form of tailings. The tailings are to be placed back at the mine sites. A fresh water pond will be constructed on the site for make-up water. I asked Mr. Levin for an analysis of the tailings.

I indicated to Mr. Levin that I did not have a notice on the LaSal millsite yet. He indicated to me that he had sent one in. After re-checking I was unable to find a notice application or letter. I have enclosed a form with this memo to be sent to Mr. Levin and Hill.

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cc: Alan Levin, operator

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Sal Venticinque